MONROE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO.: O-4-2026-008

ORDINANCE OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.0% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to **3.5%** over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, finds its advisable and necessary to increase its **CY 2026** Budget by up to **3.5%** over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens: and

WHEREAS, the Township Council hereby determines that a 1.**5%** increase in the budget for said year, amounting to **$816,818.10** in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the **CY 2026** budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Monroe shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by **3.5%,** amounting to **$1,905,908.90**, and that the **CY 2026** municipal budget for the Township of Monroe be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance, as introduced, be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within five (5) days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance, upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

SO ORDAINED, as aforesaid.

RUPA P. SIEGEL, Council President

RECORDED VOTE – INTRODUCTION – April 8, 2026						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	X		X			
Councilman Dipierro			X			
Councilman Van Dzura		X	X			
Council V. President Markel			X			
Council President Siegel			X			

NOTICE

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CHRISTINE ROBBINS, Township Clerk

RECORDED VOTE – SECOND READING & FINAL ADOPTION – May 4, 2026						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
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MAYORAL APPROVAL

By virtue of the Optional Municipal Charter Law of 1950 and Chapter 3, Section 19 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, my approval of this Ordinance is effected by the affixing of my signature hereto.



STEPHEN DALINA, Mayor

Date signed: May 5, 2026

Township of Monroe

County of Middlesex

CHRISTINE ROBBINS
Township Clerk

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Affidavit of Publication

I, Tanya Pannucci, Deputy Township Clerk, of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the complete text of the attached legal notice has been placed on the Township of Monroe's official internet website https://www.monroetwp.com/index.php/services/legal-notices, as well as hyperlinked on the Secretary of State's legal notice webpage https://nj.gov/state/statewide-legal-notices-list.shtml on April 7, 2026. The aforementioned is in accordance with P.L. 2025, c.72.

Tanya Pannucci, Deputy RMC

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April 7, 2026

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Tanya Pannucci, Deputy RMC

Tanya Pannucci, Deputy Township Clerk

Posted: May 5, 2026

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NOTICE OF FINAL ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that the following entitled Ordinance was introduced and passed on First Reading at the regular meeting of the Monroe Township Council held on April 6, 2026. Furthermore, this Ordinance was adopted after a Public Hearing was held at the May 4, 2026 meeting of the Monroe Township Council which was held in the Monroe Twp. Municipal Building, One Municipal Plaza, Monroe Twp., N.J. 08831 and was thereafter approved and signed by the Mayor on May 5, 2026.

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